

REMARKS

Claims 1-11, 13-18, 21-32, 34-39, 41, 44-52, and 54-56 are pending in this application.

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's allowance of claims 1-11, 13-18, 21-32, 34-39, 41, 44-52, and 54-56 in the Final Office Action. Applicants have amended the claims to place the subject application in condition for immediate allowance. Specifically, Applicants have herein canceled claims 76, 96, and 97.

In light of the cancellation of claims 76, 96, and 97, Applicants respectfully submit that the rejection of these claims under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Yacoub* in view of *Kato* and further in view of *Mestha et al.* is moot. Applicants further submit that the rejection of claim 96 under 35 U.S.C. § 101 is moot.

The amendments made herein involve only the cancellation of claims. Thus, these amendments comply with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.116(b). Accordingly, Applicants request that this paper and the amendments made herein be entered.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that the subject application, which now includes only allowed claims 1-11, 13-18, 21-32, 34-39, 41, 44-52, and 54-56, is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, a notice of allowance is respectfully requested. In the event a telephone conversation would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner may reach the undersigned at (408) 749-6902. If any additional fees are due in

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connection with the filing of this paper, then the Commissioner is authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 50-0805 (Order No. MIPFP050).

Respectfully submitted,
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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. B. Martine', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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